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SUBJECT: PLO TO OPEN OFFICE IN CYPRUS

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1. GOC ANNOUNCED MARCH 31 THAT IT HAD AGREED TO PLO REQUEST TO ESTABLISH AN "OFFICE" IN CYPRUS. GOC PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE (PIO) RELEASE STATES THAT ARCHBISHOP SAME DATE HAD RECEIVED TWO PLO REPRESENTATIVES, MR. ABDUL MOHSEN AND ABU MAZER AND MR. ABDUL RAZAK AL YAHIA, WHO CONVEYED MESSAGE FROM PLO LEADER ARAFAT. PIO RELEASE REFERS TO "PRESIDENT OF THE PALESTINIANS", AND QUOTES ARCHBISHOP AS STATING THAT
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ARAFAT'S PLO IS "ONLY ORGANIZATION LEGITIMATELY

REPRESENTING THE PALESTINIANS."

2. APRIL 1 PRO-MAKARIOS PRESS GIVES STORY MAJOR BILLING. RIGHT-WING PATRIS HIGHLY CRITICAL, NOTING THAT PRESENCE OF OFFICE WILL INCREASE CHANCE OF ARAB/ISRAEL INCIDENT ON CYPRUS SOIL.

3. COMMENT: WE EXPECT GOC ASSENT TO PLO OFFICE WILL WIN WIDE LOCAL SUPPORT. PRESS HAS RECENTLY COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON GOG "OPENING TO ARAB WORLD", PARTICULARLY CURRENT BITSIOS VISIT TO BEIRUT AND CAIRO. RADICAL SOCIALIST LYSSARIDES AND HIS PRO-ARAB EDEK PARTY HAVE LONG WORKED FOR OFFICIAL PLO PRESENCE IN CYPRUS. INDEED, LYSSARIDES WAS QUITE PROBABLY MAKARIOS' CHOSEN INSTRUMENT IN BRINGING ABOUT THIS DEVELOPMENT AS HE MADE A FLYING TRIP TO DAMASCUS AND BEIRUT TWO WEEKS AGO WITHOUT PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF HIS PURPOSE. BROADER STREAMS OF GREEK CYPRIOT OPINION SENSE NEED TO CHECK TURKISH INROADS INTO ARAB, NON-ALIGNED CAMP. THEY LIKELY VIEW OPENING OF PLO OFFICE AS POSITIVE STEP IN THAT DIRECTION.

4. ONCE ESTABLISHED (AND WE HAVE NO DATE AS YET), PLO OFFICE LIKELY INCREASE PRESENT SECURITY THREAT TO ISRAELI, US MISSIONS IN CYPRUS. END COMMENT.

5. EMBASSY WILL PURSUE ON PRIORITY BASIS AND REPORT FURTHER. CRAWFORD

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